

BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION



COMMISSIONERS

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF ARIZONA WATER COMPANY, AN
ARIZONA CORPORATION, FOR A
DETERMINATION OF THE FAIR VALUE
OF ITS UTILITY PLANT AND PROPERTY
AND FOR ADJUSTMENTS TO ITS RATES
AND CHARGES FOR UTILITY SERVICE
FURNISHED BY ITS NORTHERN GROUP
AND FOR CERTAIN RELATED
APPROVALS.

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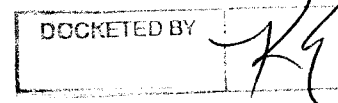
DECISION NO. 75305

Arizona Corporation Commission

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Open Meeting
October 20, 2015
Phoenix, Arizona



BY THE COMMISSION:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On September 23, 2013, the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") issued Decision No. 74081. Among other things, Decision No. 74081 approved Arizona Water Company ("Company") to implement a system improvement benefits mechanism ("SIB") identical to one approved for the Company in Decision No. 73938 (June 27, 2013). On August 18, 2015, the Arizona Court of Appeals issued an opinion in Case No. 1 CA-CC 13-0002 which set aside the Commission's approval of the SIB mechanism approved in Decision No. 73938.

2. In light of the Court's ruling, and in balancing the interests that are implicated in this matter, the Commission finds it is reasonable and in the public interest to stay operation of the SIB mechanism approved for the Company by Decision No. 74081 pending the outcome of further court proceedings.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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2 1. Arizona Water Company is a public service corporation within the meaning of Article
3 XV of the Arizona Constitution.

4 2. The Commission has jurisdiction over Arizona Water Company, and the subject
5 matter of this filing.

6 3. It is in the public interest to stay the operation of the System Improvement Benefits
7 Mechanism approved by Decision No. 74081 pending the outcome of further court proceedings and
8 until further order of the Commission.

ORDER

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10 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the System Improvement Benefit Mechanism approved
11 by Decision No. 74081, is hereby stayed until further order of the Commission.

12 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all compliance requirements specifically associated with
13 operation of the System Improvement Benefits Mechanism are stayed until further order of the
14 Commission.

15 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all other aspects of Decision No. 74081 shall remain in
16 effect.

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1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.

2 **BY THE ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

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15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JODI JERICH, Executive
16 Director of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have
17 hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this
18 Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix,
19 this 27th day of October, 2015.

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23 JODI JERICH
24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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